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Mr. J. Brian Atwood
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Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Susan Peacock, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who has contacted me to express her concern over the undemocratic policies of the South Korean Government. I have enclosed my constituent's recent correspondence for your review and I urge you to give the views expressed therein your full consideration. Your thoughts and comment would be most welcome. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter of concern.

Cordially,

Bob Walker
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October 21, 1980

Dear Mr. Robert Walker,

It is shocking to learn of the September 17th death sentence for internationally known Kim Dae-Jung, a democratic leader in Korea. Twenty-three other human rights leaders in South Korea were also given heavy sentences.

The United States fought in the Korean War in order to establish democracy in that land. For thirty years, the United States has allocated military and economic assistance for Korean development. I consider it a travesty that South Korea is presently controlled by a brutal military government which has stiffled voices for democracy among its citizenry. Given the severity of the situation, it seems ill advised for the U.S. government to continue massive military and economic aid to South Korea and to support 44,000 U.S. troops there.

I urge you to do all in your power to turn U.S. foreign policy in South Korea toward freedom and democracy. A government like that in South Korea, without popular support, is a breeding ground for internal conflict. An internal crisis would make it difficult for the United States to protect South Korea within its sphere of influence.

First, I would urge you on behalf of your constituency to register dismay over the sentences in the Kim Dae-Jung case. I suggest that you consider some of the possible steps outlined by Professor Jerome Cohen in the New York Times article of September 18, 1980.

Please let me know what you are doing regarding the tragic situation in South Korean, particularly in regards to the numerous violations of basic human rights.

Sincerely,

Susan Peacock

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